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SUBJECT: PALME ON ALGERIAN OPPOSITION TO EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL

HENNING GOTTLIEB, WHO IS PRIME MINISTER HARTLING'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, BRIEFED POLCOUNS ON THE DEC 6 MEETING BETWEEN HARTLING AND SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME. GOTTLIEB NOTED THAT HIS BRIEFING WAS BASED ON WHAT HARTLING HAD TOLD HIM, SINCE THE MEETING WAS TETE A TETE. HARTLING THOUGHT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT - AND MOST DISTURBING - ELEMENT OF THEIR DISCUSSION WAS PALME'S REPORT ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO ALGERIA. PALME PROFESSED TO BE TAKEN ABACK BY THE IMPLACABLE OPPOSITION OF THE ALGERIANS TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A JEWISH STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THE ALGERIANS DO NOT BELIEVE ISRAEL WILL, OR CAN, BE CRUSHED TOMORROW BUT THEY ARE SHAPING THEIR POLICY TOWARD THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF A "SECULARIZED PALESTINE." IN RESPONSE TO POLCOUNS' QUESTION, GOTTLIEB SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW OR IF PALME REACTED TO THE ALGERIANS ON THIS ISSUE. (OTHER DETAILS OF PALME - HARTLING TALKS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.)
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